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LETTER DATED 13 APRIL 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the declaration issued by the Government of the Republic of Mali on 12 April 1999 concerning the assassination of Ibrahim Mainassara Baré, President of the Republic of Niger.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Moctar OUANE
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Annex

Declaration issued by the Government of Mali on 12 April 1999

The Government of the Republic of Mali expresses its indignation following the assassination on Friday, 9 April 1999, in Niamey, of Ibrahim Mainassara Baré, President of the Republic of Niger, and firmly condemns that repugnant act.

The Government of the Republic of Mali hopes that an inquiry will be opened concerning the circumstances of this assassination in order that justice be done.

It calls for respect for the effective implementation of Niger's constitutional legality.

The Government of the Republic of Mali reaffirms its opposition to any act of violence, which it firmly condemns, especially when it is utilized as a means of assuming power.

The Government of the Republic of Mali issues an appeal to Niger's political circles to uphold the Republic's legality and invites it to foster dialogue based on respect for democratic principles as the only means of achieving a peaceful and lasting settlement of the crisis in that country.